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In the application of)	
H. Hoshino, et al.)	Examiner: Philip Leung
Title: CURRENT-CARRYING/HEATING)	
APPARATUS OF LIQUID FOOD)	Art Unit: 3742
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ELECTION

By way of the Office Action dated April 19, 2005, the Examiner issued a restriction/election requirement asking the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The Examiner indicated that no claims were generic, and identified the following patentably-distinct species: FIG. 1, FIG. 2, FIG. 3, FIG. 4, FIG. 5, FIG. 6, FIGS. 7-8, FIG. 9, and FIG. 10.

In response, the Applicant hereby elects the species shown in FIG. 1 for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The following claims are readable on the species of FIG. 1: Claims 1, 4 and 7.

Regarding the issue of generic claims, the Applicant notes that Claim 1, while not necessarily generic to all the species, is generic as to the species of

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FIGS. 1-10. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that if Claim 1 is found allowable, Claims 2-12 would all be allowable as presenting a reasonable number of species linked by a generic claim. 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a).

If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required, the Applicant requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.17(a) to (d), which may be required to Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

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